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January 20, 2012

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From: William T Fujioka
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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF REPORT BACK ON IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR UPGRADING ALL SIGNAGE DESIGNED TO INCREASE SAFETY AWARENESS ON STATE ROUTE 138

On December 20, 2011, your Board directed the Chief Executive Officer to prepare a five-signature letter to the Caltrans Director and Caltrans District 7 Director requesting that Caltrans formally review the potential of and provide an implementation plan for upgrading all signage designed to increase safety awareness on State Route 138 between Interstate 5 and the San Bernardino County line; send a copy to the Governor, Secretary of Business, Transportation and Housing, the Los Angeles County Delegation to the State Legislature and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority Board of Directors; and request Caltrans to conduct a review of safety measures along this corridor to determine if there are additional technological measures that could be implemented to improve safety for all drivers, and report to your Board a list of such measures including costs, benefits, and timelines for implementation.

On January 6, 2012, we sent the five-signature letter to the Caltrans Director and Caltrans District 7 Director (attached). We are currently awaiting a response from Caltrans necessary to develop the report back to your Board regarding additional technological measures that could be implemented to improve safety along the highway. After consulting with Caltrans staff, we anticipate the completion of our report back to be completed by May 31, 2012.

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Should you have any questions in the interim, your staff may contact Rita Robinson at (213) 893-2477, or via email at rrobinson@ceo.lacounty.gov.

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RG:AB:kd

Attachment

c: Executive Office, Board of Supervisors
County Counsel



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January 6, 2012

Malcolm Dougherty, Acting Director
California Department of Transportation
1120 North Street MS 49
Sacramento, CA 95814

Michael Miles, District Director
California Department of Transportation,
District 7
100 South Main Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Acting Director Dougherty and District Director Miles:

We are writing to respectfully request the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to consider upgrading all signage-designed to increase safety awareness on State Route 138 between Interstate 5 and the San Bernardino County line. In addition, we would request that Caltrans conduct a review of safety measures along this corridor to determine if there are additional technological measures that could be implemented to improve safety for all drivers, and provide a response to this Board identifying a list of such measures including costs, benefits and timelines for implementation.

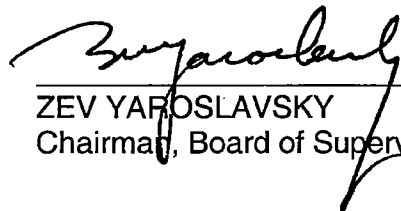
The 69-mile stretch of State Route 138 between Interstate 5 and the San Bernardino County border is considered one of the most dangerous stretches of state highway according to Caltrans and the California Highway Patrol. The County of Los Angeles has been successful in advocating for and receiving funding to make this stretch of highway safer over many years through widening, adding lanes, and improving turn signals. More can still be done to complement these efforts to make this highway safer for all Antelope Valley residents and the many vehicles that pass through the region between Interstate 5 and Interstate 15. One such idea would be to upgrade the signage along State Route 138, including the use of solar energy to power flashing lights that would improve the visibility and attention drawn to these signs, and thus improve safety along the Route.

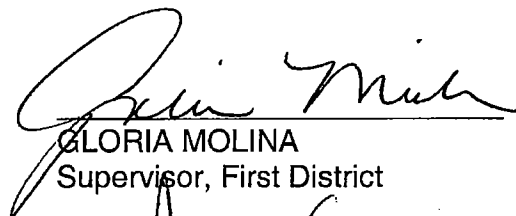
We understand that during this extended economic recession, the ability of governmental agencies to identify available funding has become increasingly difficult. However, we believe that the County of Los Angeles and Caltrans share a common goal and responsibility to make our highways the safest and most reliable for all who utilize them. As such, we are hopeful that our request identifies projects, such as the upgrade of signage along State Route 138 that can be incorporated into the State's existing budget. We thank you in advance and look forward to your response.

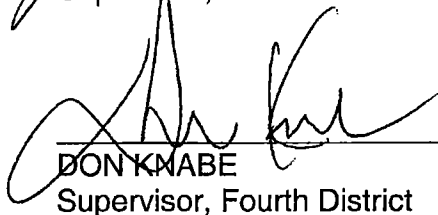
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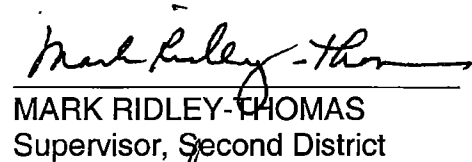
If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Ms. Rita Robinson, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Chief Executive Office, at (213) 893-2477, or rrobinson@ceo.lacounty.gov.

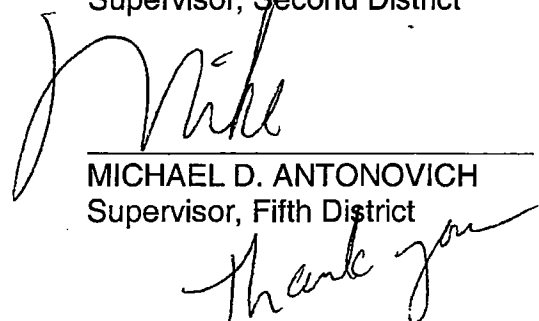
Sincerely,


ZEV YAROSLAVSKY
Chairman, Board of Supervisors


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Thank you

c: Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr.
Traci Stevens, Acting Secretary of Business, Transportation and Housing
Each Member, Los Angeles County Legislative Delegation
Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, Board of Directors